

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 566
By Kernell

A RESOLUTION to commend Joshua David Jorgensen on his volunteer work with the Boy Scouts of America and his representation of West Tennessee at the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand.

WHEREAS, Joshua David Jorgensen is an exemplary citizen who daily displays the spirit which has appropriately given Tennessee the nickname "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Jorgensen is the son of Lisa Jorgensen and the grandson of Richard L. and Emily S. Jorgensen, who have been previously recognized for their volunteer involvement; and

WHEREAS, Joshua performs volunteer work as a member of Boy Scout Troop 40 of the Chickasaw Council of the Boy Scouts of America and has provided distinguished service as Senior Patrol Leader, Instructor, Guide and Recruiter; he has helped with volunteer projects with Scouting For Food, the Corps of Engineers Greer's Ferry Lake clean up, and Eagle Scout projects for Eagle Scout candidates at local schools and churches; and

WHEREAS, Josh was nominated by his Troop and is now a member of the Order of the Arrow; he has acted as "Elangomat" and has been named a representative of that Order to his Troop; and

WHEREAS, Josh has been a volunteer at Kia Kima Scout Reservation during the summer of 2002, running the Trading Post with cheerfulness and great care for more than the expected hours per day and per week; and

WHEREAS, His gentle but firm leadership and adherence to Scout Law have enabled Josh to be selected to be on staff as Patrol Guide at the 2003 Junior Leadership Training; and

WHEREAS, As an active member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Josh is closely involved with the Church's Youth program, helping with volunteer projects such as the St. Luke's Soup Kitchen and food pantry, building houses for low income families with the Neighborhood Housing Organization, and running concessions during athletic events to help in fundraising for St. Luke's athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, Josh was the only Boy Scout from Memphis/Shelby County and all of West Tennessee to set and achieve the goal of participating in the 20th World Scout Jamboree by developing the support of more than fifty financial sponsors and attending the Jamboree in Thailand from December 28, 2002 to January 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, While at the 20th World Scout Jamboree, Josh, through his involvement, embodied the words of the formal invitation from the Scouting Association of Thailand, "We invite youth throughout the world to take an active role in building peace. Peace is not only the absence of war; it is also a positive attitude to all people and all societies. Peace comes from a sense of justice which puts an end to violence, poverty, intolerance, segregation and inaccessibility to education, health care and housing."; and

WHEREAS, In Thailand, Josh participated in a public service project at a local Thai school in a small village by conscientiously and with great effort wielding a pickax on rocky ground in 105 degree heat index, in order to level ground for a basketball court; and

WHEREAS, Josh's goal is to increase the visibility and presence of the Boy Scouts of America in Tennessee by leading the members of his troop and other troops to the National Jamboree in 2005, thereby promoting active citizenship within the State of Tennessee and the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Joshua David Jorgensen as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Joshua David Jorgensen for his outstanding volunteer work as a Boy Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.